Contraband Merchandise

*7. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any estimates are available of the total quantum of RDX explosives and Kalashnikov rifles that have been smuggled into the country in recent years;

(b) whether Government have any in formation about the major points of entry of such material; and

(c) whether any estimates are available

(d)whether there is any evidence of involvement of foreign Governments in the smuggling of such contraband merchandise?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) While it is not possible to estimate the total amount of RDX explosives and Kalashnikov rifles smuggled into the country in recent years, the quantum of major seizures made from militants between 1995-1996 and 1997-1998 is as under:—

Details of RDX & AK series rifles recovery 1995-98

RDX

	1995 (in Kg.)	1996 (in Kg.)	1997 (in Kg.)	1998 (in Kg.)
Haryana	47	—	—	—
J & K	129	173	827	113 (upto 30.4.98)
Punjab	57	163	122	30
Rajasthan	13	63	15	—
Delhi	—	—	10	—
TOTAL	246	399	974	143

AK Rifles

	1995 (in Nos.)	1996 (in Nos.)	1997 (in Nos.)	1998 (in Nos.)
J & K	234	2388	206	431
Punjab	2	22	6	2
Rajasthan	15	—	—	—
TOTAL	2366	2410	2072	433

(b)Arms, ammunition, explosives, etc. are smuggled into the country mainly through international borders.

(c)Yes, Sir.

Development of Hydro Power

*8. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a)whether any survey has been conducted on rivers to explore hydro power in the country;

(b)if so, the details thereof and hydro power potential of river Godavari;

(c)whether there is any proposal to develop Arunachal Pradesh as a a major source of hydro power in the country; and

(d)the potential of Arunachal Pradesh for hydro power?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Based on the topographic studies and analysis of hydrological and other related data of various river basins, Central Electricity Authority has made reassessment of major/medium schemes during 1978-87, according to which hydroelectric potential of the country has been assessed at 84.044 MW at 60% load factor. The hydro electric potential of Godavari basin is assessed at 5091 MW at 60% load factor.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir, The hydroelectric potential of Arunachal Pradesh has been assessed at 26.756 MW at 60% load factor and out of this 16.5 MW has since been exploited. The Ranganadi Scheme with an installed capacity of 405 MW is under execution in Arunachal Pradesh. This scheme is scheduled to be commissioned in September 2002.

The two projects which are proposed to be developed in Arunachal Pradesh include Kameng (600 MW) and Ranganadi Stage II (180 MW). There are complex environmental issues arising from the need to rehabilitate families who would be displaced due to submergence resulting from the other major projects to be taken up. These Projects include Dihang Project (20,000 MW), Subansiri (4800 MW) and Demwe Project (520 MW). The survey and investigation of 15 schemes has also been taken up by various agencies like Brahmaputra Board, North Eastern Electric Power Corporation, State Government and Central Water Commission.

National Security Council

*9. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a)whether Government have set up a task force to advise on establishment of the proposed National Security Council;

(b)if so, the details of the composition, terms of reference, time frame for submitting.the recommendatioins etc., of the task force; and

(c) the expected scope of the activities of the National Security Council?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Government have constituted a Task Force with the following composition to work out the constitution, role and functions of the proposed National Security Council:

Shri K.C. Pant	— Chairman
Shri Jaswant Singh Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission	— Member
Air Cmde Jasjit Singh Director, IDSA	— Convenor

The scope of activities of the proposed National Security Council will depend on decisions taken on the recommendations of the Task Force.

Electrification of Villages

*10. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a)the number of villages proposed to be electrified during the year 1997-98, State-wise;

(b)the time schedule drawn for their electrification; and

(c)the expenditure incurred on such electrification?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) 3,000 villages were proposed to be electrified under the programme of the Rural Electrification Corporation during 1997-98. The State-wise distribution is given in the statement. *(See* below)

The time schedule for their electrification during the year is decided by the implementing agencies, namely, the State Electricity Boards or the State Power Departments.

The provisional expenditure on such electrification is Rs. 134.76 crores. This also includes expenditure on release of service connections for agricultural pumpsets etc. initially in such newly electrified villages.